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Pastor F. E. Schumann, whose Pittsburgh ministry includes student work at the University of Pittsburgh, reported a total of 1,090 Lutheran students at that school and 1,732 students without religious preference.— *The Lutheran Student Pastor.*

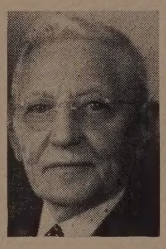
To achieve an even distribution of gifts for charity at Christmas time, Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Detroit, Mich., the Rev. E. Buchheimer, pastor, issued its own Christmas seals, which all members of the congregation received. The money contributed is being divided among Wheat Ridge Sanatorium and other institutions.

Our Savior Congregation, Houston, Tex., was organized in July, 1945, and subsidized by the District Mission Board. It then had a membership of sixty-three communicants and ninety-eight souls. In the course of two and one-half years these figures grew to 197 communicants and 300 souls, with the result that the congregation has now, after only two and one-half years, become financially independent. The congregation has a parochial school, with an enrollment of seventy-five pupils, and is planning to add a third room and a teacher by September, 1948. In 1947 twenty-two adults were added to the congregation by confirmation.

When snowdrifts covered the country roads during November, the children of St. Andrew Lutheran School, Niagara, N. Dak., were transported to the school in the manner shown in the picture. The large boxes on the sleighs, commonly called "grain tanks," offer protection against the icy prairie winds. St. Andrew Lutheran School is the northernmost Christian day school of the Synodical Conference in the United States. Mr. Stanley Harre, a student at Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill., is the teacher and appears at the right rear on the picture. The Rev. Herbert C. Mueller is the pastor of the congregation.

To School in Grain Tanks

Mr. John L. Goeppinger appears to have established a record by serving as trustee of Trinity Lutheran Church, Boone, Iowa, for sixty-three years. Since the congregation is only eighty-one years old, Mr. Goeppinger held office for more than three fourths of the time that the congregation was in existence. He resigned this year. The Rev. M. Seltz is pastor of the congregation.



J. L. Goeppinger

St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Slavia, Fla., a congregation already well known through the interest it has taken in our Slovak Church's Home for Children and Old Folks, last Christmas presented its pastor, the Rev. Stephen M. Tuhy, with a cash gift and a brand-new 1948 Super De luxe Tudor Ford. The congregation is member of the Slovak Synod, affiliate with our Church in the Synodical Cor ference.

Three brothers and their sister, th children of the Rev. and Mrs. Herman Bentrup, Annandale, Minn., are in th service of our Church. Herman C. is pas tor at Pequot Lakes, Minn.; Waldo W. Buffalo, Okla.; Edmund A. at Port Or chard, Wash.; and their sister, Ruth, is teacher in the Christian day school Salem Congregation at Jacksonville, Ill.

St. John's Lutheran Church, Cheste Nebr., the Rev. E. B. Hilst, pastor, durin the last Christmas season received a gi of $10,000 from one of its members, M Henry Hueners. Of this sum, $4,000 wa designated for the purchase of a ne pipe organ, and the remaining $6,000 is t be known as "The Hueners Memorial En dowment Fund" in memory of the si members of the Hueners family, of whic the donor is the only surviving membe The pastor of the congregation announce the gift, of which the members of th church had no previous knowledge, at th close of the Christmas Eve service.

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Esther ville, Iowa, the Rev. K. A. Horn, pasto has been supporting nine adopted Euro pean families for a year and a half. Dur ing the year 1947 the congregation donate for European Relief $1,000 in cash an 1,420 lbs. of merchandise, also a larg amount of clothing, which was shippe to these families. A total of 2,500 lbs. food and 320 lbs. of clothing found its wa to the hungry families of Europe durin 1947 from this congregation. At its la voters' assembly it was unanimously de cided to continue the support of thes families. G. V. S.

Parochial School, Three Months Old, in Christmas Program

Trinity Lutheran Mission, Warren, Ohio, now five years old, dedicated its chapel on Oct. 6, 1947. One week later a Christian day school was opened with an enrollment of twenty children in the kindergarten, fourteen in the first grade, and two in the second grade. Two months later the enrollment had risen to forty-two. In the picture these children are shown representing angels, shepherds, and carolers. The congregation's pastor, the Rev. Allan Hart Jahsmann, is perhaps the only clergyman in charge of two kindergartens, one meeting in the morning and the other in the afternoon. Mrs. Geo. Schmidt, the mother of four children, is the teacher in the primary grades

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Editorial

)ur Soul is Bowed Down to the Dust"

The Propers for the Sunday Sexagesima (the Sunday thin sixty days of Easter) impress some significant truths; e of them is the Christian virtue of true humility. In e Epistle we read of St. Paul's sufferings and sacrifices r the Gospel. If ever there was in the Church a zealous)rker, it was this the greatest of all Apostles. He does t hesitate to tell of his service. At the same time he does t do so in a spirit of pride, but of humility. However uch we may do for the kingdom of our Lord, whatever crifices we may make, we will always remain humble we remember our sinfulness and that it is the Lord's ercy that we are not cast out from His presence. Our is in contrast to God's grace in Christ — how this thought ust keep us meek and lowly! So the Collect: We put not ır trust in anything that we do. And the Introit is an rnest prayer from hearts filled with deep humility:

Awake, why sleepest Thou, O Lord? Arise, cast us not off ever. Wherefore hidest Thou Thy face: and forgettest our liction? Our soul is bowed down to the dust: arise for our lp and redeem us. We have heard with our ears, O God: r fathers have told us what works Thou didst in their days.

W. G. P.

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem!" (Matt. 23:37)

Who does not think of these words of the Savior when day he reads of the commotion in and about Jerusalem? o wonder Jesus wept over Jerusalem. What blessings id been bestowed upon that city! What fountains of mercy ere open to its citizens! What Prophets spoke their spired messages to its inhabitants! Finally God Himself peared in human form in the streets of Jerusalem. How ten would He have gathered their people, even as a hen thereth her chicks under her wings, but they would not. ney crucified the Lord of glory. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem!

Since that day when Jesus wept over the city nearly 00 years have passed, and the entire history of these nturies has testified to the terrible fate of those who jected and crucified their Messiah.

Should not the fulfillment of all that Jesus foretold that city cause everyone to give the most earnest atten- on to the words spoken by Him who said: "Heaven and rth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away" uke 21:33). Indeed, my dear reader, everything that is ppening over there in Palestine should again impress you ith the importance of the command which God has given om heaven, speaking of His Son Jesus Christ: "This is y beloved Son; hear ye Him." Remember, the people of rusalem are not the only ones who discovered too late that neglect of, and contempt for, God's Word invites disaster. God grant that all who read this will heed the words of the Savior: "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear" (Matt. 11:15). Whatever literature you may be forced to neglect, do not neglect that which God Himself has had prepared for your profit, both for the life that now is and for that which is to come.

S.

The Church's Lenten Program and the Unchurched

The first Sunday after the first full moon after the beginning of spring is Easter Sunday. Therefore this year Easter Sunday is March 28, and Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 11. Our pastors and congregations are making ready their Lenten program. This should include a special program to reach the unchurched. A small printed card or folder giving the topics of the Sunday sermons and those of the special weekday Lenten services, together with an invitation to the unchurched, will serve a good purpose. It is best distributed by a personal visit to the homes. This can be done by a house-to-house canvass made by the members of the church, which canvass will then also furnish the names and addresses of the unchurched in the congregation's territory. Later the unchurched can be followed up through the mail. When the unchurched attend a service, they ought to be given a cordial welcome. Children may also be procured for the Sunday school, and adults for the pastor's adult confirmation class. Paid ads and local church news ought to be inserted in the newspaper. If possible, the radio also should be used during this time.

J. H. C. F.

The Menace of the Comics

A contributor to *The Lutheran,* of the United Lutheran Church, the Rev. W. Van Garrett, harks back to the time when religious leaders were becoming alarmed at the comic strips which the daily newspapers were offering, when, says Dr. Van Garrett, "the menace suddenly took on a more deadly aspect." The first separate periodical given over entirely to colored comics appeared on the newsstands. In three years its proliferation was so rapid that it developed into a $15,000,000 industry. And that was only the beginning. Dr. Van Garrett makes some observations that are much to the point. He characterizes this new type of "literature" as designed to "fill youthful minds with cheap melodrama and hair-raising adventure that can in no sense of the word be helpful in any normal moral and spiritual development." We would underscore the following judgments as entirely warranted by the facts, as they should

be evident to every person who has not spent the last ten years living in a trunk:

"Less than ten per cent of the boys and girls in our Sunday schools read the religious papers that are prepared for them, and are made available to them at no cost to themselves. On the other hand, these secular colored comic magazines have shown a newsstand sale that is increasing by leaps and bounds.

"If parents were to sit down with their children, and were to read aloud to them the wild adventures that are so colorfully displayed, they probably would be horrified at many of the themes that form the basis for the imaginative stories.

"If parents were to make that sort of study they might find a reason for some of the troublesome dreams their children are having at night. They might also find an explanation for some of the disturbing juvenile conduct that worries them. How often mother frantically exclaims: 'Where on earth did you get an idea like that?' or, 'Whatever made you do a thing like this!' Those comics on the table might well hold the answer. Such a study might explain the apparent lack of interest in normal children's activities that, at times, is evident."

Since Rev. Van Garrett's article was written, which was some six years ago, the evil has increased by leaps and bounds, and more recently the record of crimes like murder, arson, and offenses in the field of sex committed by six and eight year olds looks to us like the inevitable result of such reading come into full bloom. Two suggestions of the writer in *The Lutheran* are to be taken to heart. In the first place he suggests that you "use your influence to have the subject studied and discussed at club meetings, and in adult Bible class meetings; in fact, use every opportunity to awaken parents to the true state of affairs." The other: "Make it a point to increase the supply of wholesome reading matter in the home. Subscribe to as many youth and children's magazines as you can possibly afford, and purchase good books that are suitable to the particular ages of your children."

In conclusion, nothing so impresses us with the thought that some people don't deserve to have children as the sight of a father or mother picking off at random four or five "comics" from the newsstand in the drug store and handing them to their offspring. G.

Worthy of Special Notice and Attention

The last issue of the LUTHERAN WITNESS had two news items that are worthy of special notice and attention. The first item was a tabulation of 247 Lutheran missionaries that left North America for foreign fields during the year 1947, of which 121 were new and the others were returning after their furlough had been spent at home. Of the 121 new missionaries the American Lutheran Church sent twenty-seven; the United Lutheran Church of America, twenty-nine, and the Missouri Synod only fourteen. The American Lutheran Church returned thirty-four of its missionaries on furlough; the United Lutheran Church of America, twenty-seven; and the Missouri Synod only twenty. Considering the size of the church bodies, these figures do not at all show up too well for our Synod.

The other item relates the fact that a certain man in the Chicago area decided to pay the support of one of our missionaries and his wife in China during their stay in the foreign field, including their traveling expenses both on the going voyage and on the return voyage at the time of their next furlough. And that man is not yet even a member of our Church. In our Synod we have many wealthy people who might by this man's example be encouraged to do likewise. The riches that our people have, they receive from the Lord. However, all the material riches must be left behind when death knocks at the door. What a Christian shall do with his riches the Lord tells us in His Word. To Timothy, Paul writes: "Charge them that are rich this world that they be not high-minded nor trust in u certain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us rich all things to enjoy, that they do good, that they be ri in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communica laying up in store for themselves a good foundation agai the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal lif 1 Tim. 6:17-19.

Some of our wealthy people have in the course of yea given very liberal contributions for the building of Chris kingdom, as, for instance, one who gave $90,000 to p for the library building of our seminary at St. Louis a later donated another $10,000; or another who gave lar sums of money for the building of mission chapels; or a other who gave thousands of dollars to KFUO, etc. M their example provoke others whom the Lord has in a ri measure blessed with this world's goods. J. H. C. F.

The Oldest Lutheran Church Paper in America

Before us lies the Jan. 3, 1948, issue of the *Luther Standard,* marked Vol. CVI, No. 1. It is the oldest Luther periodical in our country. It was founded two years befo our German organ *Der Lutheraner,* only twenty-four yea after the founding of the Ohio Synod, whose spokesman was to be in English. In 1930, when its synod passed in the American Lutheran Church, the *Standard* became t English organ of that body. It has had an interesti history. Among its early editors we find such outstandi lights as F. Lehmann and M. Loy. It joined forces wi Dr. C. F. W. Walther in the promotion of the free Luther conferences in the late fifties of the last century and al supported the organization of the Synodical Conference North America. During the Controversy on Election naturally defended its own synod against ours. It was th that the LUTHERAN WITNESS was born to uphold Missour position against the *Standard* among English-speaking L therans. In recent years it has had as full-time edit Dr. Edward W. Schramm and has consistently promulgat Lutheran unity on the basis of our 1938 resolutions. W wish to take this opportunity to congratulate the *Standa* on its 106th birthday anniversary and to pray that it m remain a staunch promoter of confessional Lutheranis W. G. P.

The S. P. C. K.

These are world-famous initials. They stand for "T Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge." This socie is observing its 250th anniversary this year. It has had continuous history since 1698. It was instrumental founding the British and Foreign Bible Society in 18 Its great purpose has been to publish and distribute Chr tian literature in the world. Among its published wor are some of Luther's and other Lutheran writings English. In 1712, when the Lutheran missionaries in Tra quebar had the first five books of the New Testame ready in Tamil, this society shipped to India a printing pr and a compositor by a boat which was taken by a Fren man-o'-war. The printing press eventually reached destination, but not the printer. He had died of fev Within two years the translation had been published, a the Lutheran natives in South India and others could re the Scriptures in their own tongue. Today the socie publishes Christian literature in more than a 100 langua as well as books and a monthly magazine in Braille, besid financially supporting the missions of its own chur (Anglican). It has set an example that we and oth may well emulate. W. G. P.

piphany Mission Conference

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f the first century of our Church's ade for Christ and His Word has evi- ced many outstanding mission endeavors whereby one pagan outpost after another was won for the Gospel, surely the second century should evince an intensified resolve to enlarge His kingdom into the uttermost parts of the world. And if the enthusiastic spirit and Christ-motivated tenor of the recent Epiphany Conference, held at Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. , is any indication — that resolve, pled with the blessing of God, will me a reality indeed.

f. G. Chr. Barth

As stimulating and farsighted as the previous mission conferences were, e exceeded this one in a genuine reness of the constantly moving hori- brought about by increased missions mission endeavors.

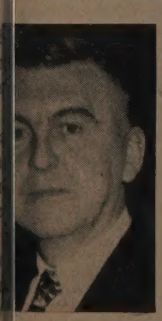
Every delegate of the Epiphany Con- nce, and there were 164 of them, as l as the 120 visitors, was aware of the that everyone must shoulder a part Synod's missionary program — must k with utmost efficiency while it is time.

A Mighty Army at Work

For that reason the Rev. Harry E. n, Chairman of the Board for Home sions, exhorted everyone to work to- ner "like a mighty army, ever keeping mind the all-important objective — ning souls for Christ."

In a similar vein of thought the Rev. F. Bernthal addressed the conference. l our efforts," he said, "must be coupled zest and speed. We want a ministry will drive, not drag."

The Rev. E. E. Pieplow stated in a eful manner that no Church is capable pushing back the changing horizons ur time and increasing the missionary vities of our Church unless it enlists ts service "men whose eyes have seen



v. W. C. Birkner

Rev. J. L. Summers

King." "Only those who have per- lly accepted Jesus as their Savior," aid, "are capable of doing effective and ing work in the Kingdom."

A Layman Speaks

The Board of Home Missions had called upon a layman, Mr. Paul Friedrich, a businessman of Detroit, Mich., to give his conception of adequate mission expansion in our Church. The numerous recommendations of Mr. Friedrich, as set forth in his paper, "A Layman Speaks," were well received and gave further impetus to the progressive and forward-looking spirit of the convention. Thereupon Rev. H. Gockel of the Board for Home Missions presented his new evangelistic book *What Jesus Means to Me.*

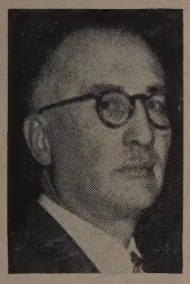
New Movie: "Reaching from Heaven"

For the pivotal point of the two-day conference a preview of the new, evangelistic, and challenging synodical film "Reaching from Heaven" was arranged. The showing received a highly enthusiastic response and was acclaimed by many as perhaps the best film ever produced by our Church.

Children in Mission Work

Mr. William Kramer of the office of Parish Education read a paper entitled: "Keeping Our Children in Step with the

Mr. Paul Friedrich



Rev. Louis Henze

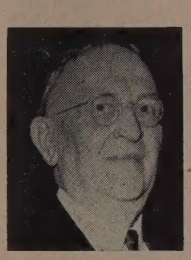
Mission Program of Our Church." In it he brought to light the potential power that a Church possesses in its mission-conscious children. The Rev. H. A. Mayer followed with a similar thought in his paper "Missions by Mail," stressing the program of using mail and radio to bring children into the mission program of our Church. Material for an intensified "Missions by Mail" drive was promised.

Ladies in Mission Work

Few at the convention will forget the Rev. W. H. Storm's enlightening presentation of "Enlist the Ladies in Your Missionary Program.' In a most unique manner he demonstrated how the ladies of any congregation might, through inexpensive gifts, set into effect a follow-up program comparable to many other mission techniques.

"Meet Your Neighbor Week" Plan

In addition to its previously successful programs of "Preaching Missions" and "Vacation Bible Schools," the Board for Home



Rev. Aug. Hansen

Rev. E. E. Pieplow

Missions presented to the convention a new plan called "Meet Your Neighbor Week." This new "Each One Reach One" approach was presented and explained by the Rev. Egon W. Gebauer of Synod's Publicity Department.

Youth and Men in Mission Work

Forces that might be utilized for an effective missionary program in the congregation, also our youth, were not overlooked. The Rev. A. R. Kretzmann spoke on the subject: "What Youth Does for the Church." Basing his remarks on years of experience in the youth program of our Church, he said: "Our young people have more time to work for God than any other church group." And the men were not forgotten. The Rev. J. F. Schulz emphasized the many mission tasks that men of every congregation could perform. His basic plea was for personal testimony of every believer as an effective means of wininng others.

The Old and the Young

The emotional climax of the entire conference was reached in a special feature toward the end of the meeting which the printed program designated as "Taps and Reveille." After Dr. F. C. Streufert had ended his résumé of District mission work, Dr. William Dallmann issued a moving call to watchfulness and prayer, to faithfulness and courage. As Moses of old, charging younger Joshua, he addressed touching words of admonition and encouragement to Pastor Martin Haendschke, who had

Epiphany Conference in Session at Milwaukee

been chosen to represent the younger lieutenants in the army of the Lord. "Soon I shall die — and those who marched in the ranks with me," said Dr. Dallmann; "the duty to carry on is yours." Thereupon Rev. M. Haendschke spoke for the younger pastors of the Church and accepted the charge in well-chosen words.

Onward, Christian Soldiers

The meeting was brought to a stirring close by an address by Dr. J. W. Behnken, President of Synod, in which he called

Rev. Rud. H. C. Meyer

upon the ministers and the members of the Church to militant, aggressive, missionary action. His talk was based on the theme hymn of the conference: "Onward, Christian Soldiers." "Our Church," he said, "is one body. We are not divided. Christ, the great Champion of our salvation, is still with us. . . . The song of victory must be ringing in our hearts. Before us lies the land of promise in the glorious Church Triumphant, where those who have fought the good fight will dwell with the King forevermore."

Epiphany Conference Facts and Figures

Significant statistics were some of the high points of the Epiphany Missions Conference in Milwaukee January 6 and 7. § The largest District of our Synod is the ABC in Canada (Alberta and British Columbia) — 1,200 miles from east to west; 700 miles from south to north — not including the undeveloped areas of the north. § We confirmed some 26,000 children in 1936, and we confirmed some 26,000 children in 1946. Pastor E. T. Bernthal of the Mission Board asked — *How come?* And there was no answer. § More than 1,200 children are receiving regular religious instruction by mail out of Edmonton, Can. § "There is a reason for us to be startled at the thought of the seventeen million children growing up without religious training in this country. We cannot permit that without reaping some dreadful aftereffects," Dr. J. W. Behnken. § In our Synod we still have some 40,000 children that receive no systematic religious instruction. Hence the Mission Board is planning a campaign for Sunday school instruction by mail. Their plans are geared to a prospective 500,000 enrollment. § "The State where the cradle of the Missouri Synod stood, where we have a beautiful theological seminary with hundreds of candidates for the ministry, and where all our mission material is prepared and sent all over the world, has an unchurched population of 2,400,000. I am referring to Missouri. Only three and one-tenth per cent of the entire population is Lutheran. What a mission field!" O. H. Brauer of Minneapolis. § A $100,000 chapel is being built for our Missouri Synod students at Purdue University. § The battle of statistics was on when the representatives of the Northern California

and of the Southern California Distr were reporting on their home miss work. § Some of the worst puns ever p petrated in major Missouri Synod gath ings of the last 40 years were heard the missionary conference. At that, spi were so high that amused tolerance manifested even when in discussing W. H. Storm's method of arousing women of Concordia Church in Cle land to missionary activity this feat described thus: "— and the Ladies' Aid taken by storm." § Dr. Carl Giesel poem "It's Great to Be a Minister" read with fine effect by the Rev. G Beiderwieden, Sr. § Pastor Birkner marked that his (Central) District the only one of Synod's original four has remained undivided. § "One can h much to do with religion and not be ligious," E. E. Pieplow. § "Idleness tem the devil nowhere so much as in church," E. T. Bernthal. § "Are we aw of the forces arrayed against the Chur It is an act of self-preservation when bring the Gospel to those who are s lost," J. W. Behnken. § The plea, " chronic sick — a challenge," by Rev. H. Storm, seconded by A. R. Kretzma of St. Luke's, Chicago, which supplies f machines to play wire recordings of pastor's sermon to the chronically brings records of children reciting school to sick parents; co-operation w the musical therapy group of Chicago a feature. § Mr. Paul Friedrich, laym manager of the twenty-million-do Cranbrook Foundation, read a paper. " crisis is upon us and we have enough trained workers and manpow The program he unfolded will keep best missionary minds busy for a deca § The idea of chaplains for centers of dustry received serious attention. § the planning so much as *the attitude* the Epiphany Conference permits us hope for great things in 1948. G

Lutheran World Action Repo

Successful completion of its two-y campaign to raise $10,000,000 for chu relief and reconstruction in Europe Asia was announced by the National L theran Council at its headquarters, Madison Avenue at 37th Street. The f lowing tabulation was submitted by Rev. Dr. Paul Empie, director of the peal, known as Lutheran World Action, of December 22, 1947.

Church Body	Cash Received	P Ce
United Luth. Church	$4,697,857.23	
* Ev. Luth. Church (Norw.)	1,800,000.00	10
Am. Luth. Church	1,619,192.51	
* Augustana Synod	1,330,649.87	11
* Lutheran Free Church	149,902.89	10
* United Ev. Luth. Church (Dan.)	104,576.00	10
(Finnish) Suomi Synod	83,789.43	8
Danish Lutheran Church	51,079.05	
U. E. L. C. of Australia	28,064.80	
Lutheran Student Assoc.	5,396.66	
Undesignated	45,932.43	
Lutheran World Relief	124,320.39	
TOTAL	$10,040,761.26	10

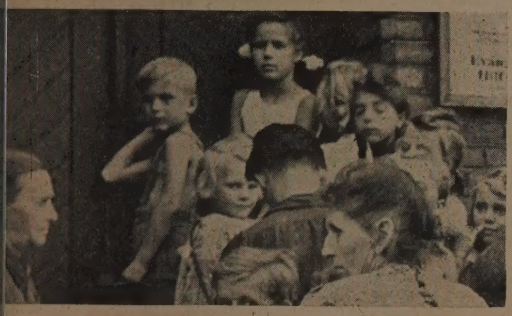
Contributions made directly to Canad Lutheran World Relief by National Luthe Council churches in Canada on November 1947, totaled $125,940.59.

* Column shows percentage of the amou allocated to various participating bodies.

Return from Europe

trospect and Prospect by LAWRENCE MEYER

Returning again from Europe a few ys before Christmas after having trav- d some sixty-odd thousand miles on ir trips, one is filled with mixed feelings joy, gratitude, sadness, and hope. These



Waiting for Their Child-Feeding Hour

irneys are made by air, sea, and land der varying conditions. Grounded and owbound in Newfoundland, lost in the over the mountains of Greenland, flying ound and around over Iceland looking a hole in the clouds to come down, or the way from Sweden to England over rway in a fortress carrying 12,000 gal- is of gasoline, with billows of smoke undetermined origin filling the plane, ing lost somewhere over Poland east Warsaw, plowing blindly through fog icy roads in a jeep driven by a GI who ew months before had been in the front es and had not as yet readjusted him- f to an evaluation of dangers under linary circumstances — then finally ding again at the airport in St. Louis e and unharmed — one has a keener preciation of the words in the 91st alm: "For He shall give His angels arge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ys." To those of us whom the Church ds to the far corners of the earth to mote the preaching of the Gospel unto uttermost parts, the words of the Litany, otect all who travel by land or water" r air) have a special significance. In ny a tense moment in travel and work u often feel keenly aware of the prayers friends and loved ones, and sometimes u seem almost to hear the flutter of gels' wings as they uphold you.

What are the conditions in Europe to- y? You have visited a friend who is k unto death and then visit him again netime later. He is still a very, very k man, but there is a perceptible change. is getting better. Comparing con- ions today with the situation on my first it to Europe, when the war was still and the second time a few months after close of the war, and the third in the mmer of 1946, plus the fourth visit of out three months this past fall, there definite visible progress and im- vement.

Conditions are Improving

Such a statement must be understood atively. Human nature is fortunately aptable to almost any condition and en- onment. The most abnormal conditions develop a certain normalcy. Here in erica it is abnormal to be hungry and cold, in despair and without hope. In most of the rest of the world it is normal to be all these things. The food situation is as bad as it is pictured to be in all the reports released by our Government. The lack of clothing beggars description. True, no longer do tens of thousands of refugees trek along the highways carrying on their backs their total belongings with no destination in mind except to find shelter for the night. No longer are the bombed-out railroad stations overcrowded with cold, hungry, and homeless human beings, seeking a night's shelter against a driving, sleeting rain. The millions of refugees have found a shelter of a sort, even if it is only a pallet on the floor of a room ten by twelve already occupied by four or five people. After the first shocks of the aftermath of the war a stunned and static normalcy has slowly been established. But the children of Europe continue to be hungry and undernourished, the adolescent youth of Europe still constitutes a generation of refugees and vagabonds wandering dangerously over its ruined cities, and the older generation of Europe is a people of loneliness, living in an abyss of hopelessness and despair. All are ever afraid of the iron curtain moving westward. This applies to all of Europe to a greater or lesser degree and especially to Germany and Austria. (I am not including such countries as Switzerland and Sweden, which were left physically untouched by the war, nor Belgium, Holland, and Denmark, where comparatively little destruction took place.)

Reaching from Heaven

Into this welter of human misery, God has led our Church. It is not without significance that in the fall of 1945, shortly after the war's end, Dr. J. W. Behnken and I were in a position to make available the first $100,000 for the purchase of food to be shipped into Central Europe. Since then the men and women and the children of the Missouri Synod have poured millions of dollars' worth of food and clothing into the various countries of Europe to help our suffering fellow men. That I had the gift of tongue and pen to tell you what your food, clothing, medicines, Bibles, catechisms, hymnals, Bible histories, and other helps have meant to tens of thousands of sick, hungry, homeless, hopeless bodies and souls! A woman holds a little three-month-old baby up to you and says: "This baby would be dead or would not even have been born alive if it had not been for the help of you people." — You pass through the ghostly bombed-out streets of Cologne and see the wan, pallid, weak, and undernourished bodies of thousands of children who are getting less than 1,200 calories of food per day — and then go to one of the orphanages maintained by your Church and see the children from the ages of two months to twelve and fourteen years of age with cheeks glowing, well clothed and warm, receiving 3,000 calories a day. — A young married couple thanks you for the help which your Church has given to make it possible for them to marry — and then you think of the hundreds of thousands of young people in Europe today who would like to get married but — they have no place to go, not even a single room to make a home — nowhere to buy even the most necessary bit of furniture. . . . They could not buy clothes for a baby, they could not even get a basket in which to put a baby. Millions live out of wedlock. There are few towns throughout Central Europe in which packages from the Missouri Synod have not been delivered. The recipients look upon these packages as an answer from heaven to prayer.

A Chain of Miracles

Sometimes our relief program seems to be a series of God-wrought miracles. Dr. Behnken and I visited Bagband, far up in the northern part of Germany, where we are in the process of building one of our largest orphanages. It is planned to house 300 orphans and 200 old people. Because of the fluctuating economic circumstances and the increase in costs, the decision was forced upon us to curtail the building program and to stop work on some of the buildings because we could not see our way clear to finance it. We had already decided that instead of accommodating 500, we could build to house only 300. A few days later a letter came from the Lutheran Women's Missionary League of the Northern Illinois District putting at our disposal $20,000 to be used for orphans. This miracle gift makes possible the original plan to house 500. One of our orphanages in Germany is at the present time almost self-supporting, and on the basis of present conditions this large institution at Bagband will also be self-supporting after one year.

Clothing Distribution in Vienna

"Which Is His Body"

Vignettes of Mission Work in India

By MEINERT H. GRUMM
Missionary

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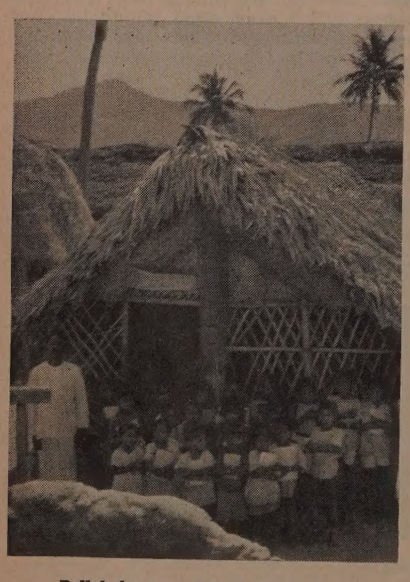
(EDITORIAL NOTE: Executive Secretary O. H. Schmidt accompanies this series of sketches with the following remarks: This material is of special interest to me since I have been at places just like those described. I believe the members of our Synod will be interested in the process of having a church develop out on the mission field. It is a big thing that is happening there, but it goes on in the quiet, unobtrusive fashion that is so characteristic of the work of the Holy Ghost.)

The missionary shifted into second gear to negotiate one of the more formidable hazards in what passed as a road in these parts of India. He was not in a good mood. On both sides of the road were forlorn piles of crushed rock that the District Board contractor had in a sudden spurt of activity hauled in months ago and then promptly forgotten. Once past the hazard, the missionary looked off to the left and for a moment forgot his grouchiness. It was the old familiar, yet refreshingly new sight of spring-green paddy fields stretching out in little irregular squares down to the coconut groves along the river. He wondered whether there was any other green in God's creation to compare with the fresh green of a sprouting rice field. But the road would not allow him to think beautiful thoughts for long, and the lines from Bishop Heber's hymn ran through his mind:

> Where every prospect pleases
> And only man is vile.
> (Especially that contractor!)

And anyway, what was it that made him tear himself out of a soft bed at cock-crow that Sunday morning, eat an uninspiring lonely breakfast, and come out to torture himself and his long-suffering car on this forgotten byway? What lay at the end of the journey? A little palm-thatched hut with a dirt floor smeared with cow dung — the house of worship for the church of God which is in Paracheri! This was not the first time that he had ventured to be slightly critical of what appeared to be the unsystematic planning of the Holy Ghost, who seemed to take no cognizance at all of the neat map hanging on the wall of the missionary's study which showed up in big letters all the villages near the bungalow lying on the good main roads, but who, instead, arbitrarily sent the Gospel to several distant villages scattered around in what the more civilized town people called the "jungle dumps."



Pallahakuppan School, Pernambut

And furthermore (the coffee at breakfast that morning had been weak and rancid, and the eggs had seen better days), was it really a congregation that would be gathered together out there in that mud hut? The teacher and his wife of course would be there, together with a handful of faithful children. But what about the others — Doraiswami, who after the first flush of his conversion had forsaken the faith, having loved this present world; Jacob, weak Jacob, who heard the clink of money in the pockets of his earthly master and forsook his heavenly one; Rajaretnam, who had just confessed to having committed adultery; Peter, who obstinately refused to make peace with his repentant brother? Who, then, was likely to gather for the service? Selvam, a young widow recently baptized, ignorant, but apparently sincere; a handful of faithful children; and perhaps one repentant adulterer. And that, when he finally made the last turning in the side road which branched off the byroad, is exactly what he did find: twenty-three souls who by almost any standard would be considered a sorry, insignificant lot.

After he had divested himself of his coat and put on his flowing white robe, he sat down next to the altar, which was set up for the occasion by draping one of the teacher's freshly laundered dhoties over the little school desk, and he surveyed his little flock sitting in uneven rows on the school planks. Was this what he had left home and country for? Were these twenty-three poor outcastes who had gathered to hear him a proper justification for the hundreds of dollars of American church contributions that were used to bring him ten thousand miles to this jungle village? True, he would later be preaching that day at places where there were somewhat larger and more hopeful congregations, and his catechists would likewise be busy at other places. But was it worth it, and that after two years of instruction in this place?

In the front row sat Rajaretnam with a downcast expression. He beckoned to him to come close, for he wanted to check on the catechist's report about his repentance. In low tones he questioned him, and what he heard and what he saw in his face moved him. Something powerful had been at work. A chink appeared in the wall of the pessimism of the missionary.

He nodded to the teacher, who called the congregation to its knees in prayer: "Our Lord Jesus Christ, who didst promise that where two or three are gathered together in Thy name, Thou art in the midst of them. . . ." Yes, he had almost forgotten that for a moment. The chink

School at Vengali, near Ambur
Built with mud walls and roof of palm le
In the foreground, school garden

grew perceptibly wider. He annou
the first hymn, a native lyric, and t
accompaniment of drum and cymba
the children joined lustily in singing p
to their Lord Christ Jesus. He close
book and watched their faces, and as
sang, the wall of discouragement b
to crumble. Old familiar words can
life: "Out of the mouths of babes
sucklings hast thou ordained strength.
"Upon this rock I will build My Ch
and the gates of hell shall not pr
against it." He was regaining his se
sight, the vision of faith, which is the
stance of things hoped for, the evic
of things not seen. And by the tim
stepped before the makeshift altar t
tone the familiar opening words o
services of the Church Universal, he
filled with fear and joy, for he knew
was ministering not to just twenty-
nondescript outcastes, but to a Chri
congregation, an integral part of that
*"which is His body, the fullness of
that filleth all in all."*

Wedding Song

Together with Jesus

"Let us ever walk with Jesus,"
Singly once we walked His way;
Since together love doth weave u
Now together let us say —

"Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Both together through the years;
Hand in hand we'll walk with Jes
Day by day, in joy and tears.

"All the glad days He will bright
Keeping hearts in one accord.
All the sad days He will lighten,
Speaking through His faithful W

NORMAN V. ABBOTT

The Laymen's Bible"

By MARTIN S. SOMMER

That is what our fathers often called Small Catechism. Did they mean ay that laymen should not study Bible, but limit their reading to Lutheran Catechism?

Of course not!

Least of all was that the opinion of ner himself. It is well known that ner preferred to see all his writings sh rather than have them interfere the study of God's Word.

What, then, did our fathers mean ay when they called the Catechism Laymen's Bible? They meant to attention to the fact that in the echism a busy man or woman has the chief teachings of the Bible in mple, clear, collected form. In ad- on he finds a brief and easy expla- on of these important teachings in lern language which he under- ds.

n this connection we should recall in the study of the Bible we should in with the most important and easy s. These have been gathered and presented to us in the Catechism. y Scripture itself tells us that in Word of God some things are the and other things are the meat of Word. All this should warn us to d the two extremes which have duced much confusion and harm in Church. The first is the error of e who taught the people to avoid Bible and follow the guidance of priest. By this teaching, people e misled to neglect the Word of and to accept in its stead the lership of men, and this meant often errors of ignorant and deceitful lers. Then, as is often the case, e went to the other extreme and ght to make learned theologians of and women who could scarcely their own language. Here again her and the Lutheran Church fol- ed the course mapped out in Holy t, namely, first the milk of the Word later the meat of the Word. 1 Cor. 1 Pet. 2:2; Heb. 5:12.

Moreover, we dare not forget that e are things in the Bible which the most learned theologians do not understand. God wants us to remain humble students of His Word, not proud boasters of superior knowledge. 2 Pet. 3:16.

Again, God has not ceased giving teachers to the Church after He gave the Apostles of the New Testament. True, the gift of inspiration, such as the Apostles possessed, have ceased, as have many other gifts, but God still gives teachers to the Church. Eph. 4:11. The infant Church required extraordinary nursing and care, but now that God has provided such an abundance of power, numbers, and growth, some of the early gifts are withdrawn to make room for others which the Church of our day needs. 1 Cor. 12:4. But through all the ages God has given teachers to His Church, and Luther occupies a pre-eminent place among these God-given teachers. The very fact that God selected him to be the torchbearer of the Reformation of the Church and guided him to avoid the vagaries of the sects and to remain loyal to the unadulterated truth of Holy Writ is proof that Luther is a teacher given by God to the Church. In his Small Catechism this God-given teacher assembled the chief truths of the Bible, which even the children are to learn and no one can know too well. This Catechism does not displace the Bible, but offers its chief teaching in the form in which it can most easily be learned, absorbed, digested, and retained by young and old. Therefore we may rightly call it the Laymen's Bible.

d and Memorial Halls of Valparaiso University Now House 250 Students. Enrollment 1,922

When Is the Pope Infallible?

By W. G. POLACK, St. Louis, Mo.

This is a question on which one finds a great deal of confusion and unclearness, both among Protestants and Roman Catholics.

The so-called dogma of Papal Infallibility is only seventy-eight years old. It was established at the last General Council of the Roman Catholic Church, the Vatican Council, in 1870. At that time the exact formula for the Papal Infallibility was given as follows:

> We teach and define as a divinely revealed dogma, that the Roman Pontiff, when he speaks *ex cathedra* — i. e. when, in his character as Pastor and Doctor of all Christians, and in virtue of his supreme apostolic authority, he lays down that a certain doctrine concerning faith and morals is binding upon the universal church — possesses, by the Divine assistance, which was promised to him in the person of the blessed Peter, that same infallibility with which the Divine Redeemer thought fit to endow His Church, to define with regard to faith and morals; and consequently, that these definitions of the Roman Pontiff are irreformable in themselves, and not in consequence of the consent of the Church. (Constit. *Pastor aeternus*, cap. iv.)

This formula is very carefully worded.

It is to be noted that nineteen centuries of the Christian era were drawing to a close before this dogma was foisted upon the Roman Catholic Church. "Foisted" is used advisedly in view of what happened at this council in 1870, when the well-oiled papal steam roller ruthlessly flattened out all opposition to this dogma. This does not mean, however, that the doctrine of Papal Infallibility had not been taught in the Roman Church before. The fact is that it had been taught by many, including the great Thomas Aquinas, since the Middle Ages; but there had always been enough voices in the Roman Church, especially in the French and German sections, who maintained, with the Council of Constance, for example, that the General Council of the Church is superior to the Roman Pope. Even the Council of Trent, called to reform the Roman Church as a result of the disintegration caused by the Lutheran Reformation, was not minded to establish the dogma of Papal Infallibility.

Before 1870 the General Councils of the Church, when speaking in matters of dogma, had been held to be infallible by good Roman Catholics. This infallibility of the General Councils was attributed to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. For this reason the formula for their dogmatic utterances was always used: "It seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us" (Acts 15:28).

The definition of the Vatican Council, therefore, states that the Papal In-

fallibility is none other than that of the Church itself. The Pope is infallible as *head* of the Church. At the same time this infallibility is "not in consequence of the consent of the Church." The Vatican Council thus reversed the position of all the previous councils of the Church.

At the same time, infallibility is carefully circumscribed. In his personal life the Roman bishop is not infallible. Nor in matters outside the fields given in the formula, faith and morals. Infallibility does not extend to his opinions as a private instructor, his official decisions, sermons, addresses, letters, and the like; not to matters of church discipline, church law, church government and administration; not even all dogmatic teachings of the Pope are under the guarantee of infallibility.

It is only when the Roman bishop "speaks *ex cathedra*" that he is infallible for his Church. That is the official teaching on this question.

It may well be asked: When does the Roman bishop speak *ex cathedra?*

In the Roman Church itself there are two views. One view is this, that the privilege of infallibility extends to all papal encyclicals; in other words, whenever he officially exercises his office as Doctor or Teacher of the Church.

The other view, clinging strictly to the letter of the above formula, limits the privilege of infallibility "to those cases alone in which the Pope chooses to make use of it, and declares positively that he is imposing on all the faithful the obligation of belief in a certain definite proposition, under pain of heresy and exclusion from the church."

This no Pope has ventured to do since 1870.

Fortieth Convention

of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States

Held at Chicago, Ill., July 20—29, 1947

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

	Miscellaneous Receipts	Disbursements (Gross)
Registration Committee	$ 4,450.00	$ 690.92
Exhibits	3,145.00	1,680 35
Publicity and Newspaper Advertising	3.339.41	7,600.83
Printing and Stationery	—	5,138.32
Music and Concert at Medina Temple	4,543.85	6,944.78
Rentals and General Administration	3.05	6,518.82
Bus Tour and Buffet Supper at River Forest	1,822.75	971.74
Collection at Soldier Field — to Centennial Thankoffering in full	19,586.77	19,586.77
Collection at Opening Service — to Centennial Thankoffering in full	1,221.19	1,221.19
Collection at Pastoral Service — to Centennial Thankoffering in full	233.70	233.70
Collection at showing of "Messenger of Peace" film at Orchestra Hall — to L. L. L., less expenses	1,170.45	1,170.45
Total for Entire Convention	$39,516.17	$51,757.87
Deduct: Miscellaneous Receipts from Disbursements		39,516.17
NET COST OF CONVENTION		$12,241.70
Paid by Synodical Districts	$ 4,580.75	
Paid by Entertaining Congregations — Northern Illinois District	17,598.25	
Paid by Entertaining Congregations — English District	3,476.70	$25,655.70
SURPLUS		$13,414.00
SURPLUS DISTRIBUTION:		
Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill. — to equip Centennial Reading Room in new Library	$10,000.00	
Northern Illinois District — Subsidy for Publication of the Centennial History of the Lutheran Congregations of the Northern Illinois Territory	3,414.00	$13,414.00

CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT

Having made a detailed examination of the books and records of the Chicago Centennial Convention Committee, Rev. Arthur H. Werfelmann, Chairman, and Mr. F. O. Linstead, Treasurer, I hereby certify that, in my opinion, the above Statement of Receipts and Disbursements truly reflects the financial operations of the Fortieth Convention held in Chicago. The financial records, with supporting vouchers, were in exceptionally good order.

Special mention should be made of the fact that the collections at Soldier Field — $19,586.77, at the Opening Service — $1,221.19, and at the Pastoral Service — $233.70, were paid to the Centennial Thankoffering in full, without deductions for expenses. The collection at the showing of the "Messenger of Peace" film at Orchestra Hall amounted to $1,170.45; expenses of $465.00 were paid out of this collection, and the balance of $705.45 was remitted to the Lutheran Laymen's League.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 30, 1947 A. W. HUGE. *Synodical Auditor*

Voyage

Go forth, my ship! The ocean rolls
fore you;
Sail unafraid into the sea of time.
Our Pilot knows the sea. For Him a
fathomed
The deepest places. See! He stan
sublime,
His hand upon the helm. Though w
are swirling
About you and the whitened billows f
As o'er the deep a stormy wind is blov
Fear not! No matter where, how far
roam,
His guiding hand is still upon the till
For Him there are no hidden rocks,
Him
No hidden reefs. . . . Be yours and r
a humble,
Abiding trust that far beyond the di
Horizon friendly harbor lights are shi
To welcome us. And then, the voyage
Thanks be to Him, our trusty Savior F
And love and adoration evermore.

St. Louis JOHN M. RUNG

"Lightly Regarded"

Upon recovery of his lost violi
Boston Orchestra virtuoso was exce
ingly angry. His violin was fashione
1754 by Guadagnini and was valued
$7,000. It was lost or stolen at the
road station, following a concert in W
ington, D. C. Two days later the p
found it in a pawnshop at Alexandria,
The thief had pawned it for $12.
violinist was indignant, declaring
"The bow alone is worth $400."

It is inconceivable that the Christ
Gospel, which is so vital to our nati
welfare and to our personal happi
should be so lightly regarded by so m
people. When men can hold so little
spect for the name of JESUS, when
make of the Christian Church someth
merely incidental, when men by w
and deed disparage the spiritual life
men — one must call in question
values by which men live. The Chris
Gospel, which has brought healing
salvation to millions — is it nothing
you? The Christmas Gospel, which
stirred the souls of men to their de
and called them out to nobler livin
is it nothing to you?

PAUL M. FREIBURGE

From a Pocket Notebook

The stapler is our newest source
grief and exasperation. Out of three arti
coming to this office now two are stap
Maybe the information that unsta
manuscripts are read first will act a
discourager on this practice. . . .
take note of an item in the Iowa W
Supplement which informs us that
publicity given our deluge of Christ
boxes at Cherokee State Hospital was
work of the Rev. G. W. Lobeck, Cou
Bluffs, secretary of the Committee on P
lic Relations of the two Iowa Districts.
The Rev. P. W. Czamanske has laid do
the editorship of the Detroit *Lutheran,*
tending to give his full time to the c
gregational ministry. . . . St. Matthe
of New York celebrated its 283d an
versary. Mr. J. P. Morgan's offer of $50,

he original charter, granted in 1664, declined with thanks by former ees of St. Matthew's. . . . If you be- that nothing new can be done in the of anniversary booklets, look at the idar for 1948 supplied to its members alem Church of Jacksonville, Ill. (the H. H. Koppelmann, pastor). This will find many imitators. . . . The Henry Blanke of Chicago finds this ie *Chicago Tribune:* "The hypocrite attends church probably has a better ce of getting to heaven than the one stays away from church because of hypocrite." . . . When the three nal geographic societies held a joint ention at Charlottesville, Va., the ad- of welcome was made by Edward inius, former Secretary of State, now r of the University of Virginia, and response was made by Dr. Alfred H. er of Valparaiso University, president he National Council of Geography hers. Dr. Meyer also had a paper on geographical significance of the Ful- nt Act. . . . Believe it or not, there will t least 25,000 readers interested in the s that Kenny Suesens, who has played essional basketball for the Sheboygan kins for eleven years, was instructed, ized, and confirmed by the Rev. E. L. eind of Kohler, Wis., on Dec. 28, 1947. ormerly attended the Christian Science day school. . . . Mr. Martin Klemm of naw believes that in all pulpits the ral prayer should add "in the air" in intercession for travelers on land and as is done at Holy Cross Church, of ch Mr. Klemm is a member. . . . Cor- ly designated as "an all-time 'low' for n a 'society' church" by the Rev. Leo E. el of Greeley, Colo., is the announce- t of the communion service conducted ark Congregational church New Year's "At the close of the old year and the nning of the new, people are asked to e to the church sanctuary any time veen the hours of 9 and 12. Please e to the altar and be served when e is opportunity, and come and go as please." What is worse, the dese- ion of the Sacrament or the banality ne announcement? . . . There are about 0 good reasons for the all-time high scription list of the LUTHERAN WITNESS the pastors who have in one way or ther told their people what Pastor E. Peterson tells them in Zion Church etin: "The LUTHERAN WITNESS — ERY HOME IN THE CONGREGATION GHT TO SUBSCRIBE!" . . . A solution the overcrowding on Christmas Eve disregard of insurance regulations and ordinances has been found at Jack- Mo., where St. Paul's Church con- ted two services, one at 6:00 P.M., the nd at 7:20 P.M. Rev. Keisker reports house at each, but no overcrowding. . Father O'Bryan of St. Mildred's (a one on us) Church at Somerset, Ky., he name of the Divine Infant of Prague s us to give him one dollar ($1.00). . . . her than close on a sour note, we shall this go at that. G.

Special noon meals will be provided our Synod's Emergency Planning Coun- for German university students, who, many cases, are living on a very calory diet. The 1948 budget of P. C. includes some $5,000 for this special ding of university students at prominent itutions, such as Heidelberg.

Letters from Readers

CERTAIN CALENDARS

DEAR SIRS:

The Trinity Lutheran Parent-Teachers Organization wishes to express its compliments to the editorial committee of the LUTHERAN WITNESS on the appearance of the article "A Man Can Be Known by the Calendars He Keeps," written by Pastor M. P. Simon. We heartily approve of this crusade against lewd pictures used on current calendars and hope noticeable results will follow. "Don't hang them up! Tear them up!" is a necessary and timely slogan.

TILLIE HERMES, *Sec. pro tem.*

Portland, Oreg.

"A MASTERFUL JOB"

May I also comment on one of the features of the WITNESS, namely "Uncle Joe's Corner." Personally I feel that the writer is doing a masterful job. Tell him not to throw away his material. Some day it might be bound into a unique volume. He approaches real, not imaginary, questions of life so realistically and yet so Christlike. I'm wondering who's responsible for the column.

West Lafayette, Ind. E. P. WEBER

(EDITORIAL NOTE. — The column "Uncle Joe's Corner" was contributed by Dr. M. S. Sommer, one of our editors. Dr. Sommer will in the current year devote himself to articles in the field of doctrine.)

WHY THE NEW NAME FOR SYNOD?

Regarding editorial concerning Synod's name, would like to see published the seven good reasons presented by Committee No. 6 on the basis of which our delegates took the action they did at Chicago. The proposed name is the most practical, so fitting that it's not even new. Would like to refer you to your editorial about royal marriage in the Dec. 30 issue, where the Rev. W. O. Eifert designates his Church "Lutheran Church Missouri Synod." I have numerous headlines from papers during the Chicago Convention that designate our Church by that name. I sincerely hope that the new name will be adopted, as it should be.

Lincolnville, Kans. EDW. C. HARTKE

The Committee report which induced the Chicago Convention to submit the name "The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod" as a constitutional amendment to our congregations, reads as follows in the *Proceedings*, page 446 *f.*:

After considering the memorials, Committee 6 submitted the name

"The Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod"

This was discussed and referred back to the Committee and then again discussed in several sessions after the Committee had come back with the following report:

In re Memorial 508, p. 351, on changing the name of our beloved Church, your Committee after thorough reconsideration feels constrained to recommit the name recently presented, with one small change:

"The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod"

We submit the following reasons:

1. Your Committee is unanimous in the choice of this name.
2. It identifies the thorough confessional stand of our Synod.
3. This name is well known throughout the world.
4. Your Committee feels that there is considerable change of sentiment toward this name during the past three years.
5. Any other name given to our church body would still be explained as the Missouri Synod.
6. The name is very flexible and streamlined.
7. It is ideal for advertising purposes.

The report was adopted by more than two-thirds majority. THE EDITORS

Obituary

All obituaries and death notices should be sent to Prof. W. G. Polack, 801 De Mun Ave., St. Louis 5, Mo.

The Rev. Eduard Theodor Georg Firnhaber, em. (d. June 26, 1947), son-in-law of the sainted Rev. C. C. Schmidt of St. Louis, father of fourteen children, grandfather of forty-two, and great-grandfather of four, son of a pastor, and brother of three pastors, was born at Grassdorf, Hannover, Germany, Sept. 1, 1869. His father was pastor in the State Church. He received his early theological training at the seminaries at Kropp and Breklum in Schleswig-Holstein. His studies were interrupted for one year when he was drafted for military service. After his release from the German army in 1893 he came to America and entered the General Council's seminary at Mount Airy (Philadelphia), Pa. Attracted by the doctrinal stand of the Missouri Synod, he transferred to our Concordia Seminary at St. Louis, where he was graduated in 1895. During the thirty-four years of his active ministry he served a number of congregations in Nebraska, Minnesota, and Iowa, both in church and in school. Failing health compelled him to resign in 1929. While living in retirement in Harvey, Ill., and later in Beecher, Ill., he frequently supplied the pulpits of neighboring congregations. He was a forceful preacher.

On Jan. 21, 1896, he was united in marriage with Louise Schmidt of St. Louis. Nine sons and five daughters were born to this union.

A painful heart ailment plagued him for many years. On the morning of his death, June 26, while tending his little garden, he suffered what he realized to be the last heart attack. Remarking to his wife that the angels had come to carry his soul to heaven, he closed his eyes to let his soul take wing.

Funeral services were held at Zion Church in Beecher, Ill. The undersigned delivered the sermon. Interment was made in St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery near Beecher, Ill. All fourteen children with their spouses were at their mother's side.

Beecher, Ill. HAROLD J. WUNDERLICH

The Rev. Herman Wurthmann, em. (d. Sept. 27, 1947), was laid to rest on Oct. 1, 1947. He had attained the age of 70 years and 10 months. He was born Nov. 27, 1876, at Hoboken, N. J. He graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis in 1900. He served at Bowie, Tex., 1900—1905; Fort Wayne, Ind., 1905 to 1912; Hamler, Ohio, 1912—1921; Woodland, Ind., 1921—1923; Mount Hope, Ohio, 1923—1937. He retired in 1937 and made his residence in Napoleon, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, two sons, seven daughters, and other relatives.

MARTIN J. ZSCHOCHE

Teacher Jesse Reinhard Stenske (died Aug. 7, 1947) was born in Sheboygan, Wis., and died at his home in El Monte, Calif. He graduated from our Concordia Teachers College in River Forest in 1918. In July, 1920, he was united in marriage with Helma Wolfram at Waterloo, Iowa. Mr. Stenske taught in parochial schools at Soldier, Iowa; Westgate, Iowa; Trinity in Sheboygan, Wis.; and served as principal of St. John's School, Los Angeles, Calif., for seventeen years. Owing to ill health, he resigned this position during the summer of 1945, but desiring to remain active in the work of the Church, he served as supply teacher in Trinity School, Los Angeles, 1945—1946, and in First Lutheran School, Long Beach, during the school year 1946—1947. He had agreed to remain another year in this school, but the Lord willed otherwise. He also served as a member of the Southern California District Board of Education from 1930 to 1939.

The funeral service was held in First Lutheran Church, Long Beach, on Aug. 13, with the undersigned preaching on Phil. 1:21. His mortal remains were laid to rest in El Monte Cemetery. Surviving him are his widow and one son, Jesse T. Stenske.

M. J. BRUER

Teacher Frederick C. L. Weber (died Nov. 1, 1947) was born Sept. 5, 1901, at Arbela, Mich., the son of Lorenz and Paulina (Grueber) Weber, now of Millington, Mich. He attended Concordia Teachers College at River Forest, graduating in 1922. He accepted a call to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Glenview, Ill., where he served until his death. On Sept. 14, 1947, the congregation observed his twenty-fifth anniversary and also twenty-five years of service at Glenview, wishing him many more years of service. But the Lord willed otherwise. Death came rather suddenly six weeks later from leukemia.

Mourning his early demise are his wife, Selma, nee Bierlein, with whom he was united in holy wedlock on Aug. 20, 1924, two sons, three daughters, his parents, two brothers, and three sisters. Funeral services were conducted at Immanuel Lutheran, Glenview, on Nov. 3, the undersigned delivering the sermon on Is. 54:10, the confirmation verse of the deceased. A second funeral service was conducted at St. Paul's, Millington, Mich., the Rev. H. O. C. Ferber officiating. Interment was made in St. Paul's Cemetery, Millington, Mich.

G. F. RAEDEKE

Death Notice. — Pastor Henry Traub of Brimfield, Ill., died Jan. 11 and received Christian burial Jan. 14.

New Publications

Unless otherwise noted, all publications reviewed in the "Lutheran Witness" may be secured from or through Concordia Publishing House, 3558 S. Jefferson Ave., St. Louis 18, Mo.

Little Folded Hands. Prayers for Children. Illustrated by Otto Keisker. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo. 45 cents per copy.

This booklet offers short prayers in poetry and prose for morning, evening, at table, for home, school, and church. It is abundantly illustrated. It ought to be in every home where there are little children.

S.

With Him All the Way. By Oscar A. Anderson. Augsburg Publishing House, Minneapolis. 216 pages, 8×5½. $2.00.

A complete series of Lenten sermons by a pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1942 graduate of Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul. The sermons, strictly expository with continuous applications to hearer, set forth with great force and clearness the doctrine of the atonement against a soundly orthodox Lutheran background of related doctrines. Forceful in style, without straining after effects.

G.

The Eternal Why. By L. Fuerbringer. Concordia Publishing House, Saint Louis, Mo. 1947. 104 pages. $1.50.

Dr. Fuerbringer devoted his life to the exposition of Scripture, especially the Prophets of the Old Testament. In his studies he did not neglect to acquaint himself with that which other learned theologians had written, but though he lent his ear to everyone, he reserved his judgment. Thousands of our pastors who heard him in the classroom know what a reliable, conscientious, and painstaking student and lecturer he was. All this learning and ability of his were employed in the production of this exposition of the inspired Prophet Habakkuk. The content is chiefly concerned with that eternal question: Why must the godly suffer while the ungodly seem to be enjoying life? Habakkuk answers that question. In the course of Dr. Fuerbringer's exegesis many difficulties are touched upon. The solutions which Luther, Keil, and Delitzsch had are supported, and then Dr. Fuerbringer gives his solution, supported by pertinent references to context and parallel passages.

M. S. S.

For Peace Within. Sermons for the Lenten and Easter Season. By O. A. Geiseman. 199 pages, 5½×8. Ernst Kaufmann, Inc., New York. $2.00.

Between the covers of *For Peace Within* the Ernst Kaufmann Press is offering two series of Lenten addresses and additional sermons for the Holy Week cycle by Dr. Geiseman of Oak Park. As in former offerings of the author, also these sermons are very evidently written for a living congregation from an actual pulpit and breathe all the authenticity of real experiences. Never does the speaker lose sight of the possibility of an unsatisfied searcher for truth occupying his pews or the problem of those obsessed by some delusion or battling with some temptation. Never does the author seem conscious of writing a certain style — which is the best kind of writing. Never does he appear conscious of being an orator — which is the height of oratory. If you are looking for a book as a gift to the newly confirmed, you have it here.

G.

Partnership with God. By August W. Brustat. 112 pages, 5½×8. Ernst Kaufmann, Inc., New York. $1.50.

Originally prepared in connection with the stewardship program of our Atlantic District, the eight lectures which make up this collection were delivered in a number of churches and also at various summer camps, and the plan of the entire series is announced in the introduction as "the complete surrender of the individual to the Lord Jesus Christ." The lectures are chock-full of what might be called "modern instances," facts, figures, incidents, and anecdotes, all bearing on the need of partnership with God as inv our church attendance, Holy Comm Bible study, prayer, private evan the stewardship of money, and tian education. We can very well in a men's club devoting the meeti a winter season to the discussion of topics at the hand of the facts and th submitted by Pastor Brustat. If i to lead the discussion, this reviewer raise some material questions to some of the thoughts here voiced reg Holy Communion and tithing. Fo thing, we don't believe that the bod blood of our Lord should ever be re to as on the altar, but only as being and received in the act of comm Any other presentation will land us lap of the Roman Mass. And the ment which makes St. Paul presen portionate giving as equivalent to th is far from convincing. All in a would be feeling that we had spe instructive evening with our lay club.

Music

Reviewed by Walter Buszin

Treasury of Early Organ Music. by E. Power Biggs. $3.00.

Although our own Dr. Edward R must still be regarded as the pion bring the works of the pre-Bach m to the attention of America, others to a greater or lesser extent, follow his footsteps. As a result, many learned to know the great organ wo the 17th and 18th centuries and hav covered that there were other notew masters besides J. S. Bach. Ly Farnam and E. Power Biggs are those who carried on the task beg Mr. Rechlin almost two generation

The present collection contains music of the 15th to 18th centuries England, Italy, Germany, and F among the composers represente John Dunstable, Tallis, Andrea Ga Frescobaldi, Marcello, Sweelinck, berger, and our Lutheran masters hude, Pachelbel, and Homilius. Th lection is very well edited. It is re ing to play from it compositions pristine purity and loveliness had spoiled in arrangements and edition pared by romanticists of the 19th ce We recommend the collection to ou ter-equipped organists; Mr. Biggs ha pared an album of recordings o music for Victor which is to be re shortly under the title of the p collection.

Masterpieces of Organ Music. Fol Johann Krieger. Folio 58, The Muffat. Norman Hennefield, $1.50.

Krieger was a great master of th century. Mattheson ranked him equal of Handel. The folio contai Suite in D Minor and a sparkling P in C Major. — Theophile Muffat wa son of his more illustrious father, Muffat, who imparted to his son exc training in musical composition, a also J. J. Fux of Vienna. While K was a Lutheran composer, Muffat Roman Catholic. We commend The gical Music Press, Inc., for publishing excellent organ music.

FINANCIAL REPORT, Receipts February 1, 1947, to December 31, 1947

Districts	Budget Accounts
berta & Br. Columbia	$ 5,634.87
gentina	200.00
lantic	71,426.23
azil	5.43
lifornia & Nevada	10,399.43
ntral	265,312.59
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lorado	11,227.58
stern	54,010.70
glish	116,851.13
va-East	40,000.00
va-West	110,634.20
nsas	53,548.48
14. Manitoba & Saskatchewan	2,701.93
15. Michigan	248,353.84
16. Minnesota	151,227.67
17. Montana	4,549.92
18. North Dakota	15,124.06
19. North Wisconsin	100,794.50
20. Northern Illinois	221,652.82
21. Northern Nebraska	29,789.91
22. Oklahoma	8,366.86
23. Ontario	13,036.00
24. Oregon & Washington	25,680.80
25. South Dakota	16,836.53
26. South Wisconsin	162,497.80
27. Southeastern	19,388.70
28. Southern	15,182.42
29. Southern California	10,246.39
30. Southern Illinois	55,803.56
31. Southern Nebraska	38,002.21
32. Texas	34,759.48
33. Western	196,810.82
Total from Districts	$2,223,103.14
From L. L. L. Endowment Fd.	49,894.48
From Other Sources	17,797.49
GRAND TOTAL	$2,290,795.11

THEO. W. ECKHART, *Assistant Treasurer*

Miscellaneous

Ordinations and Installations

(Authorized by the Proper Officials)

CANDIDATES

ined and Installed:

, Herbert, in Trinity Congregation, Plen-od, and in St. John's Congregation, Out- Mont., by Pres. Paul M. Freiburger, un. p. Tr., Aug. 10.

Harold, in Peace Congregation, Bateman, ., Can., by E. H. Schmiege, 14. Sun. p. Sept. 7.

ined and Commissioned:

r, Walter, in Trinity Congregation, Al-ierque, N. Mex., by Carl F. Schmid, 25. p. Tr., Nov. 23.

PASTORS

r, E. J., in St. Paul's Congregation, New e, Mo., by A. Miessler, 4. Adv. Sun., 21.

, Daniel, in Redeemer Congregation, London, Conn., by H. D. Wehmeyer, p. New Year, Jan. 4.

nsen, Carl F., in Calvary Congregation, y, Tex., by A. B. Wagner, 2. Adv. Sun., 7.

H. C., in St. Peter's Congregation, near ohns, Mich., by A. R. Nuechterlein, Sun. ew Year, Jan. 4.

rt, Fred R., as assistant pastor in Christ gregation, Norfolk, Nebr., by H. A. Bode, dv. Sun., Dec. 21.

t, Reinhold, in Birch River, Man., Can., h by A. O. Borchardt, 17. Sun. p. Tr., 28.

ker, L. E., in Redeemer Congregation, conda, Mont., by D. R. Boernke, Sun. p. stmas, Dec. 28.

P., in Trinity Congregation, Luseland, ., Can., by H. Burkart, 23. Sun. p. Tr., 9.

TEACHERS

Cand. Albert W., in Ebenezer Congrega- Milwaukee, Wis., by M. W. Strasen, p. New Year, Jan. 4.

Theodore F., in Ebenezer Congregation, aukee, Wis., by M. W. Strasen, Sun. p. Year, Jan. 4.

H. W., in Immanuel Congregation, eland, Ohio, by A. W. Hinz, 18. Sun. p. Oct. 5.

J. A. W., in St. John's Congregation, ibal, Mo., by W. G. Schwehn, 22. Sun. r., Nov. 2.

Dedications

m, Tex. The new school of Grace Con-ation (T. H. Graalmann), 24. Sun. p. Tr., 16.

lerville, Ill. The new pipe organ of m Congregation (W. Wudel), Sun. p. stmas, Dec. 28.

Iowa. The new organ of St. Peter's gregation (C. H. Schroeder), 1. Adv. Nov. 30.

aks, Calif. The new organ of Faith Con-ation (A. J. Norden), 1. Adv. Sun., 30.

N. Dak. The new church of Trinity gregation (E. G. Riedel), 22. Sun. p. Tr., 2.

Laurel, Mont. The new parsonage of St. John's Congregation (M. H. Juengel), 3. Adv. Sun., Dec. 14.

Lidgerwood, N. Dak. The new church of Immanuel Congregation (N. M. Hasz), 4. Adv. Sun., Dec. 21.

Venango, Nebr. The new organ of St. Paul's Congregation (H. C. Inselmann), 4. Adv. Sun., Dec. 21.

Anniversary

Evanston, Ill. Bethlehem Congregation (S. E. Rathke), the 75th, 25. Sun. p. Tr., Nov. 23.

Conference Meetings

Pastors' and Teachers':

Proviso Pastors and Teachers, Jan. 30 (9:30 A. M.), St. Paul's, Brookfield (O. Rockhoff, pastor), Ill. The Purpose of Our Christian Day School: E. W. A. Koehler. Christian Giving Practiced as a Part of Christian Living by Pastors and Teachers: A. T. Eilers. Presence or absence to Pastor Rockhoff. — A. H. CONSTIEN, *Chairman,* H. C. LAUBENSTEIN, *Secretary.*

Mixed of West Minnesota, Jan. 28 (10 A. M.), 29, Peace Church (Theo. Bauer, pastor), Echo, Minn. Announce to Pastor Bauer. — D. L. PFEIFFER, *Chairman.*

Announcements

Antonio F. Gianvittorio, a former Catholic priest, now residing in Fort Wayne, has made application for membership in our Synod. — J. H. MEYER, *President, Central District.*

Pastor Edwin Hahn has been appointed Visitor in the Quincy Circuit of the Central Illinois District since Pastor J. R. Westphal has accepted a call to the North Wisconsin District. — ALBERT C. BERNTHAL, *President, Central Illinois District.*

Pastor O. T. McRee of Trenton, N. J., has been appointed Visitor of Circuit 2 to succeed Pastor E. H. Behrens, who has accepted a call into another Circuit. — H. W. BARTELS, *President of the English District.*

Pastor A. Deye of Rochester, Minn., has been appointed Visitor of the First Circuit of the Southeast Conference to succeed Pastor E. A. Schwermann, who is now serving as a member of the District Board of Directors. — ROBT. G. HEYNE, *President, Minnesota District.*

A new Lutheran mission is being begun in the area mentioned below. Therefore anyone knowing of Lutherans, or others interested in Lutheran services, living at Kaysville, Layton, Sahara Village, or Clearfield in Utah, is asked to send their names and complete addresses to REV. HAROLD BRAUER, 2804 Quincy Ave., Ogden, Utah.

Pursuant to a synodical resolution, the Synodical Press Committee will continue to serve until the Department of Public Relations has been established. Its omission from the 1948 *Annual* was therefore premature. The Synodical Press Committee consists of REV. ADOLPH F. MEYER, *Chairman;* REV. WM. F. BRUENING, *Secretary;* MR. J. F. E. NICKELSBURG, *Treasurer.* Office: 1819 Broadway, New York 23, N. Y. — BUREAU OF STATISTICS.

Election Result

Rev. Alfred V. Sauer, Ph. D., of Winona, Minn., was elected to the professorship at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., to teach Elements of Hebrew and Old Testament Interpretation. — GEORGE W. WITTMER, *Secretary, Board of Electors.*

Needed

One hundred English word-edition (black) *Hymnals.* Transportation costs will be paid. Send to REV. H. V. HUBER, Bateman, Sask., Can.

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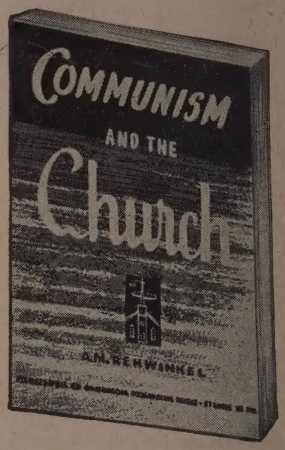

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